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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Special Meeting Held in  
Room 1113, Temporary "M" Building  
26th and Constitution Avenue, N. W.

30 March 1954

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EIC-P-6: ECONOMIC CAPABILITIES OF THE SOVIET BLOC TO SUPPORT A  
GENERAL WAR

1. The meeting was called to consider certain basic principles underlying proposed terms of reference for the working group. After general discussion there was complete agreement that:

a. the "hot war" war-supporting capabilities would be analyzed, because earlier studies had already dealt with Soviet capabilities to maintain military forces up to and including mobilization but have not "crossed the threshold" of estimating support capabilities during hostilities,

b. three force levels (suggested in discussion at 100, 200, and 300 divisions plus an appropriate amount of tactical air support), would be assumed and Soviet capabilities to support these would be examined for various time periods (suggested as 6 months, 12 months and for two to three years),

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- c. generalized estimates of combat consumption and attrition would be calculated,
- d. the potential accretions to the Soviets would be examined in some detail, and
- e. analysis of transportation capabilities would be limited to the Western European theater, where an EIC study is already under way for WSEG.

2. The draft terms of reference, dated 5 February 1954, were returned to the working group for such modification as necessary; a redrafted terms of reference is to be submitted by 12 April to the EIC members, for discussion in the EIC meeting on 20 April.

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